

DEEP THOUGHT ON HALL CASE TO WIN SHYLOCK HOMES SOLUTION PRIZES

\$1,000 Cash Offered To Readers With Detective Insight

By SHYLOCK HOMES

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Readers of The GRAPHIC who have a solution to offer of the famous Hall - Mills murder case have an unusual chance to win part of \$1,000 in cash prizes which I am offering for the solving of the mystery..

The clearing up of this case, which so far has not been fraught with anything save volubility of investigators, and inactivity on the part of those legally responsible for bringing the murder, or murderers, to justice, offers GRAPHIC readers the opportunity to express their views, which may lead to a sudden revelation of the almost incredible actions of an ordained priest of the most aristocratic of the English speaking churches and his paramour — an attractive choir singer of his church—whose daily activities were always attended with a certain degree of peril.

This murder case has aroused the curiosity of every one who reads the daily prints—and that curiosity must have begotten in every mind that detective instinct which prompts an individual solution. My long years as an investigator and solver of the most elusive of the world's greatest crimes has given me the modest right to claim for myself the chief seat of the mighty among the detectives, and in that capacity I have the greatest satisfaction in training those whose steps lead them into byways of crime to lift the curtain that hides the criminal and reveal him, or her, to justice.

Greatest Detective Game

I reiterate what I wrote in Friday's GRAPHIC, that I believe I hold the solution of the Mills-Hall murder, and that my facts will coincide with the evidence that will be presented ultimately at the trial of those suspected as accessories to the fact of the murder of the man and the woman.

My friend, Watson, whom The GRAPHIC readers know and admire for his loyalty to me in my investigations of great mysteries, is really responsible for my return to New York, and New Jersey, to open THE GREATEST DETECTIVE GAME EVER CONCEIVED IN THE HISTORY OF CRIMINOLOGY. And before I return to England I hope the readers of The GRAPHIC will have helped me to place in the dock—I mean bring to the bar of justice—the fiendish perpetrators of a so-far baffling crime.

\$1,000 Prizes Offered

Real detective work such as the Mills-Hall case offers is simply an enchanting experience compelling the exercise of every mental faculty. The arousing of the perceptive qualities with which many are endowed in such a case as this enigmatic murder, makes us think, and think along lines that may bring a solution that will enrich the purse of some astute GRAPHIC readers with some part of the

Solve Hall Murder--Get \$1,000



SHYLOCK HOMES, that astute detective, is on the job again. He has worked out a solution of the crime which will be the same as that of the findings of a court when the Hall-Mills case goes to trial. If your solution coincides with his, and if it is in first, you win a cash-prize.

\$1,000 cash prizes I hold out to you as an incentive for fresh endeavor.

The first correct solution which comes to The GRAPHIC will win a cash prize of \$500. Other solutions which come in will be awarded prizes ranging downward to \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$10 until the \$1,000 is exhausted. Every letter that comes in will be stamped according to the date and the hour that I have received it.

Write your solution in not more than 500 words, as I will have much to read. The solution will be based not only on my theory but on the final findings of the court when those who are about to be arrested or who have already been taken into custody are tried.

Write Solution Now

All letters containing solutions must be in my hands within sixty days from today. The solution you send in today may win. The first correct solution wins. If you have a theory, have it typewritten at once and mailed.

Read the GRAPHIC and follow developments. Every day you will receive some of my theories, such as: "Did a committee of church members do the deed?" was it "A Ku Klux Klan outrage?" "What kind of a person could be so jealous as to use a knife as well as a gun?"

I will have other theories to suggest to you just to help you in your reasoning. BUT I WANT YOU TO FORM YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS.

Remember, there must be a motive for the crime. You must state how many persons you believe were involved. You must mention their names. All this you can outline in less than 500 words.

Facts of the Case

Remember the facts of the case are:—

The Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall was found shot dead with Mrs. Eleanor Mills. The clergyman was married to Mrs. Frances Stevens

Hall, a woman of spiritual ideals. She was eight years older than her husband, whose ideals and ideas were on the physical plane. Mrs. Mills, having a beautiful voice, like her pastor lover, was animated with the purely physical. She had attracted men before. Her husband, James Mills, is a passive, colorless individual. She had love affairs before he married her, and he could not hold her interest.

Did Mrs. Mills have another sweetheart besides Dr. Hall?

Did Dr. Hall have another jealous sweetheart besides Mrs. Mills?

In remembering these points, always carry the motive in mind. Two persons could have committed this crime, logically. One is Mrs. Hall, the widow, now under arrest, and the other is James Mills, the widower.

Crime of Revenge

When Mrs. Mills was found dead, her throat was cut. This indicates a crime of passion and revenge. Some one with hatred in the heart for Mrs. Mills did this. A sudden self-poisoning induced through the love affair of Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills.

In writing your solution, try and solve this question: Was the murder premeditated or the result of sudden fury after an argument?

Send in as many solutions as you wish. I am convinced I know the truth of this case, but I want to pay this \$1,000 in cash prizes to GRAPHIC readers who can send me the first correct solution.

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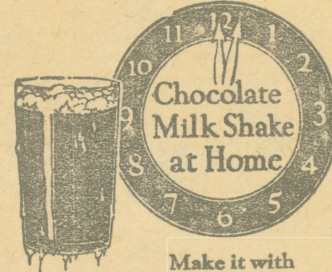
Teddy Hayes, Jack Dempsey's trainer, is going to be married. Teddy confided as much to friends last night at the Tavern. He was asked who the bride is to be.

"Well," he said, "she's the sweetest girl in the world, the greatest girl I ever met. Wait till you see her!"

"But what's her name?"

"Oh, yes. Her name is Helen Henderson. She used to be in the 'Follies,' you know. She'll be back from Paris about September 15. We'll be married shortly thereafter."

Teddy was divorced a year ago in Los Angeles by Florence Lee, picture player. Miss Henderson was recently divorced in Paris. Her husband was a saxophone player in a Broadway jazz band.



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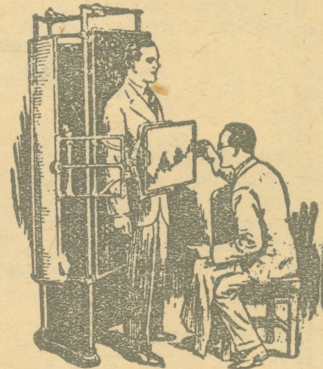
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